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SUBJECT: REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA TO
PRESIDENT NIXON

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT RECEIVED BY
WHITE HOUSE ON APRIL 5:

2. C'EST AVEC UNE GRANDE PEINE QUE J'AI APPRIS LA NOUVELLE
DES VIOLENTES TORNADES QUI VIENNENT DE RAVAGER UNE VASTE
REGION DES ETATS UNIS CAUSANT LA MORT DE NOMBREUSES
PERSONNES ET DES DEGATS MATERIELS IMPORTANTS STOP EN CETTE
PENIBLE CIRCONSTANCE JE VOUDRAIS VOUS EXPRIMER MES
CONDOLEANCES LES PLUS ATTRISTEES ET VOUS PRIE D'ASSURER LES
FAMILLES DES VICTIMES DE MA VIF COMPASSION. HABIB
BOURGUIBA, PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING REPLY:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE SENTI-
MENTS EXPRESSED IN YOUR TELEGRAM OF APRIL 5. THE TORNADOES
WHICH CAUSED SUCH GREAT SUFFERING IN PARTS OF THE UNITED
STATES HAVE ALSO REVEALED DEEP RESOURCES OF HUMAN COURAGE
AND COMPASSION. WE ARE HEARTENED BY THE DETERMINATION OF
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THOSE WHO LOST HOMES AND LOVED ONES TO BEGIN THE WORK OF
REBUILDING, AND WE ARE ENCOURAGED IN THIS TASK BY THE
FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF WORLD LEADERS LIKE YOURSELF.
WITH MY VERY BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON."
3. WE DO NOT PLAN PUBLICIZE THIS EXCHANGE, BUT HAVE NO
OBJECTION SHOULD GOT CHOOSE TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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